

Industry Certificate Guidebook

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Sector Partnerships

A sector partnership is a model adopted by Colorado for workforce and economic development to ensure that the state has a skilled workforce trained to match the needs of local industry and to maintain the state's economic competitiveness.

At the state level, the Colorado Workforce Development Council is the state-wide convener and facilitator for sector partnerships. The Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC) is a public-private partnership of business, economic development, education, workforce development, and government at the local, regional, and state levels. CWDC owns responsibility for coordinating the work of the education and training partners to work with industry in educating and training the workforce of the future.

The work of CWDC and its other statewide partners such as the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment is to promote business-led regional public-private partnerships to address the skill needs of critical industries in a region.

Sector partnerships:

- bring employers from the same industry together with the education, training and other community support programs needed to implement solutions and services that ensure a target industry thrives.
- support current or the establishment of new career pathways. Career pathways are a series of connected education and training programs, work experiences, and student support services that enable individuals to secure a job or advance in a demand industry or occupation.
- can be a resource for identifying industry certifications
- are focused at the local and regional level, not the state level

There may already be an established partnership between education and business through a sector partnership in your area. Check the Colorado Workforce Development Council (CWDC) website or with your local workforce center to learn about sector partnerships in your region.

<https://www.colorado.gov/sectors>

<https://www.colorado.gov/cwdc>

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cwdc/sector-strategies>